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THE TWO PETITIONS OF THE BUCKINGHAM-SHIRE MEN

DELIVERED THE XIth OF *January*, one to the PEERS, the other to the House of Commons, in the behalfe of Mr. *Hampden*, Burgesse for their Shire, &c. They being 4000. that came on Horse-back to deliver them.

And also a Relation of the free and voluntary offers of the Trayned Bands of the City of *London*; of the Masters of Shippes, Mariners and Seamen; of the Aprentices of *London*; of the Trayned Bands of *Southwarke*, and of the Watermen upon the Thames to defend the King and Parliament against malignant Councells and Plots of Papists.

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A TRUE RELATION

Of ſundry paſſages in and about the moſt honourable Houſe of PARLIAMENT.

ON Munday the third of this inſtant month of *January*, his *Majeſty* by Warrant under his own hand, Authorized Sergeant *Frances*, Sergeant at Armes, to come to the Houſe of Commons, and there to demand Mr. *Denzill Hollis*, Sir *Arthur Haſterigg*, Mr. *Pym*, Mr. *Hampden*, and Mr. *Strowd*, whom in his *Majeſties* name, he accuſed of High Treaſon.

The Houſe of Commons returned this anſwere, that not only thoſe five Gentlemen, but alſo every one of them would lay downe their lives and fortunes at his *Majeſties* feet, ſo he would be but pleaſed to accuſe them in a legall way, and make known the cauſe of their Accuſation.

The next day being Tueſday, his *Majeſty* (unexpectedly) came to the Houſe of Commons attended with a multitude of perſons Armed as aforeſaid, and there in the SPEAKERS Chaire, demanded theſe five Perſons, ſaying he expected yeſterday obedience

bedience, and not an Answere: When his *Majesty* a long time together had cast his eyes round about the House, and could not discerne any of these five Members there, he was pleased to command Mr. Speaker to tell him if they were there, the Speaker falling upon his knees humbly beseeching his *Majesty* to excuse him, for he was servant to the House of Commons, and could neither see nor speake without their leave.

His Majestie discerning they were not in the House, graciously departed; but the bloody minded souldiers, some of whom stood neere the doore of the House of Commons, with their Pistols readie cockt, and their Swords erected in their hands, expecting when the word should have beene given with fearefull Oathes expressed themselves, that they lost that they came for, the persons were not there, they mist the opportunity of cutting their throats, and the throats of all those Parliament men of the House of Commons that would not have suffered these five persons to have beene taken out of the House, his Majesties owne servants carrying themselves civilly, and indeed ignorant of the Trayterous designe.

As soone as these damme blades about the number of 400. were gone, the House of Commons, full of griefe of heart to see the priviledges of Parliament thus broken, adjourned in great discontent til Wednesday, the 5. of Januarie, at two of the clock, at which time they met, and concluded of an Order to adjourne the House till Tuesday, the 11. of January, 1641. And in the meane time, appointed a Comittee of the House of Commons to sit in *Lon-*

don, to consider of the safety of the King, Kingdome and Parliament, and of repairing of the priviledges of *Parliament* so highly broken.

Which meeting hath produced severall Orders and Declarations for maintaining the priviledges of Parliament, which are to be reported to the House, and there to have it's force.

But for the safety of the Kingdome and Citie, which they conceived to be in emminent danger; the Committee for Irish affaires of the House of Commons propounded the consideration thereof to the Committee of the Lords House for Irish affaires, who sate likewise in *London*, who in regard the King had denyed both houses a Guard to protect them; and in regard such an hostill plot was intended, as was apparantly proved declared their opinion, that whereas the King and Parliament was in so great danger; that in that case the Sheriffes of *London* and *Midlesex*, ought to come with the *Posse Commitatus*, to the Parliament to defend the King and Parliament, to which opinion the Comittee of the House of Commons assented, which was communicated to the Lord Major, Aldermen and Common Counsell of *London*, and they delivered their opinions herein, and expressed their forwardnesse hereunto.

This breach of priviledge of Parliament begot much discontent in the Parliament and people, and the more in regard by speciall command, the Articles against Master *Pym*, and the rest was printed, and the same published by Sir *William Killegrue* and Sir *William Flemyn*, and delivered in his Majesties Name (as they falsely pretended) to the foure Innes

of

of Court, to the end to make these persons the more odious to them and the Kingdome: And in regard the consequence of admitting this Accusation in this manner against these five persons, is a president to take away the whole House of Commons at a breath, under pretence of high Treason, if (as God forbid) an Accunsation of this nature should be hereafter; and considering that to this very day, (11. Januar. 1641.) no Articles of Impeachment is come into the House of Commons by the Kings Attourney or otherwise, or from the Lords House (if any be there against them) till which time that it come from thence by messengers of their owne (if their first depending) the House cannot legally take notice thereof: This, and many other reasons, made the House of Commons to insist upon it, besides the great merit of these persons, whom (as the house hath declared) though as deare as their lives unto them, they will deliver over unto a tryall, so as his Majestie will proceed against them in a legall way, either at the Kings Bench, or in Parliament, and produce any Subject in England that will stand to make good the Accusation, and in case they faile to make it good, that his Majestie will let them be forth-comming, and also to discover those wicked Counsells that have advised him to this course, that they may be brought to condigne punishment.

The City and people in the adjacent parts are so much moved in this businesse, and fearing some suddaine execution may be done upon the *Parliament* (both the House of Peeres, and House of Commons, and the Lords of the Privy Counsell, having declared

red that this Act of his *Majesties* without their advice, and against the privilledges of *Parliament*) That they yesterday declared, that eight Companies of the Trayned Bands, with 8. pieces of Ordnance, and divers Horsemen mounted, shall Guard the Commitees of the House of Peeres, and Commons, from Grocers-hall in *London* to *Westminster*, And the Sea Captaines, Masters of Ships, and Marriners, with small Barges, and long Boates sufficiently man'd and Armed with Murderers, Rablets, Faulchion and Minion, with Musquets and halfe-Pikes, to the number of 2000 persons have engaged themselves to Guard the Parliament by water. The Trayned Bands in *Southwark* have offered themselves to secure all the other side of the water, and the Aprentices tendred their services to attend the Parliament to the number of ten thousand with Warlike weapons, but those the Parliament enjoyned to stay at home. And lastly, the Watermen tendred their Barges for more safety to carry the Parliament men by Water: All which to the great admiration of all the Beholders, put in execution this day: And that which is most considerable, 4000 Horsemen are come to the house of Cōmons this day, except some of them which lay at *Vxbridg* and places thereabouts, with a Petition in the name of the whole County of *Buckingham*, that *Mr. Hampden* their Knight of the Shire may receive his Tryall, and not lie under the name of high Treason, and cannot obtaine a legall way of Tryall, and that if he acquit himselfe (as no good men make doubt of) Justice in a high measure may be done upon the false informers of his *Majesty*, how neere or how

a great ſoever; They being confident that it is but deſigne of the Popiſh party, to put an interruption in the proceedings of Parliament, that no relieſe may be ſent to *Ireland*, but that more Proteſtant blood may be ſhed there, and that all Acts made this Parliament, may be avoyded under pretence of no free Parliament: And laſtly to force a breach of this Parliament, by an untimely adjournment, or fayle of meeting through fear of danger.

To the Right Honourable the Houſe of PEERS now aſſembled in PARLIAMENT.

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Buckingham.

Sheweth,

THAT whereas we hoped upon the happy aſſembly of this preſent *Parliament*, wee ſhould have had a ſpeedy redreſſe of thoſe great preſſures, we had for many yeares been under, but have hitherto been in great meaſure fruſtrate of our hopes by the ſtrange Counter-working of a malignant faction, whereby the perfecting of Reformation is hindred, the endeavours of the *Houſe of Commons*, in great part ſucceſſeleſſe, our dangers growne upon us by iterated plots, Prieſts and other Delinquents unpuniſhed, to the encouragement of others, *Ireland* neare loſt by protracted Counſels, while Thouſands are there Butchered by inhume cruelties; and to cut off all hopes of future Reformation, the very being of our *Parliaments* indangered by deſperate and unexampled breach of privilledges; which by our Proteſtation lately taken we are bound with our lives and eſtates to maintaine, And in reſpect of that late attempt upon the Honourable *Houſe of Commons*, we are now come to offer our ſervice to that end; as reſolved in their juſt defence to live and die.

AND do therfore humbly pray that this moſt Honourable Houſe will cooperate with the Houſe of Commons in moſt

speedy perfecting the most necessary worke of Reformation, bringing to condigne and exemplary punishment both wicked Counsellors and other plotters and delinquents. That *Ireland* may be speedily relieved, the Priviledges of Parliament fortified against all future attempts; And the whole Kingdome put into such a present posture of defence, that wee may be safe both from all practices of the malignant party at home, and the endeavours of any ill affected States abroad,

And they shall pray, &c.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, of the House of Commons, now assembled in Parliament

Sheweth,

THat whereas for many yeares past we have beene under very great pressures (which are cleerly set forth in the late Remonstrance of the *House of Commons*: The redresse thereof which hath for a long time beene by you indeavoured with unwearied paines: though not with answerable successe, having still your endeavour, frustrated or retarded and we deprived of the fruit thereof, by a malignant faction of Popish Lords, Bishops, and others, and now of late, to take from us all that little hope was left of a future reformation: the very being of the *Parliament* shaken, and by the mischievous practises of most wicked Counsellors the Priviledges therof broken in an unexampled manner and the members therof unassured of their lives, in whose safety the safety of us and our Posterity is involved. Wee held it our duty according to our late *Protestation* to defend and maintaine the same *Persons* and *Priviledges*, to the utmost expence of our Lives and Estates. To which purpose we are now come to make the humble tender of our service, and remaine in expectation of your Command and Order, to the execution whereof, we shall with all alacrity addresse our selves, ready to live by you, or to die at your feet, against whomsoever shall in any sort illegally attempt upon you.

MAy it therefore please this Honourable Assembly to assist the ardent Prayer of your poore Petitioners, that Popish Lords and *Bishops* may be forthwith outed the *House* of *Peeres*, that all *Priviledges* of *Parliament* (Yours and our Posterities Inheritance) may bee confirmed to you, and that evill Counsellors, the *Achans* of this Commonwealth, may be given up to the hand of Justice; without all which your Petitioners have not the least hope of *Israels* peace, or to reape those glorious advantages, which the 14. Months seed-time of your unparalleld endeavours hath given to their unsatisfied expectations.

So your Petitioners wilbe bound to pray, &c.